

East Greenwich School Committee

Tuesday, September 21, 2010

Hanaford School Cafeteria

200 Middle Road

East Greenwich, RI 02818

ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA MAY BE SUBJECT TO A VOTE

The regular session of the East Greenwich School Committee was called to order in the Hanaford School Cafeteria at 7:15p.m. by Chair, Dr. Deidre Gifford. Those in attendance were: Anne Palumbo, Vice Chair; Robert Durant; Jean Ann Guliano; Susan Records; Mary Ellen Winters; Paul Martin , as well as Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Victor Mercurio; Director of Administration , Maryanne Crawford; Director of Student Services, Paula Dillon; and Director of Facilities, Robert Wilmarth.

I. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a moment of silence in memory former Superintendent William Clancy.

6:05p.m. Executive Session, RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (1) and (2) Legal review and contract renewal discussion and potential litigation-field's project. To reconvene at end of regular meeting.

8:17p.m. Executive Session, reconvened

7:15p.m. Regular Meeting

II. Public Comments-none.

III. Approval of Minutes

a. Minutes were corrected to confirm that Anne Palumbo remains Vice-Chair and that Jean Ann Guliano resigned as Chair. On a motion made by Mr. Durant and seconded by Mrs.Winters, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2010 Regular Session.

IV. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Mercurio met with area superintendents at SORICO to discuss Race to the Top with David Abbott. Dr. Mercurio spoke of the strategic plan session that he attended yesterday with a Dana Center representative. Dr. Gifford questioned the teacher evaluation process in regards to Race to the Top. Dr. Mercurio stated that there are various sub-committees throughout the state involved in this conversation. He stated the strategic plan is ambitious and there are questions regarding student assessment as the state is moving from NECAP to PARCC. The starting date for PARCC is scheduled for 2014. Dr. Mercurio noted that a committee went to Washington, DC to see how to rollout the grant. David Abbott, SORICO, is the state LEA for the grant. Dr. Mercurio noted that Director of Student Services, Paula Dillon will be part of the evaluation committee. She will draft documentation in December and field test in February. The action plan needs to be done within ninety days (approximately in

November). Dr. Mercurio noted that the state has changed the credentialing process which is now attached to the evaluation tool. Paula Dillion will be involved with public communication and feedback using the RIDE website. Two forums will be scheduled, but no dates have been set. Dr. Mercurio also discussed Edline, a new website application which is more robust and friendly and could give parents' easier access to data. Dr. Mercurio mentioned that the Frenchtown Open House is tonight, Hanaford School is tomorrow night, and the other schools will have their Open House next week.

At this time, Mr. Martin recognized Virginia Giuliani with a plaque to recognize her thirty-eight years of service and dedication to the East Greenwich School District.

V. Action Items

a. Appointments

On a motion made by Mrs. Palumbo and seconded by Mr. Durant, the School Committee

voted unanimously to approve the following appointments:

1. Robert Palmisano, Head Custodian, Frenchtown School, effective September 20, 2010.
2. Robert Black, Head Custodian for Cole Middle School, effective September 20, 2010.
3. Paul Arvidson, .5FTE Custodian for Central Office, effective September 20, 2010.

b. Home School Request

On a motion made by Mrs. Winters and seconded by Mrs. Palumbo, the School Committee voted unanimously to approve the following request:

- 1. Cole Middle School Student Grade 7 –Math & Social Studies only**
 - c. Advisory Committee Policy (second read)**

Second reading of Advisory Committee Policy. On a motion made by Mr. Durant and seconded by Mrs. Winters, the School Committee voted unanimously to approve the policy.

d. Facility Rental Policy

First reading of policy. Vote to take place at October 5, 2010 meeting.

Discussion of fess with respect to administrative costs. Maryanne Crawford and Robert Wilmarth will look at the administrative cost and provide additional information at the next School Committee meeting.

Mrs. Guliano stated that local groups should only pay the custodial fee. Dr. Gifford stated that out-of-town groups should pay the \$17.00 per hour maintenance fee plus the new updated custodial fee which will be provided at the next School Committee meeting. Dr. Gifford said the \$18.00 per hour fee on the structure sheet provided by Bob Wilmarth needs to be changed to \$17.00 per hour. Dr. Gifford stated that committee-based groups such as the Little League should have fees waived unless they need the facility on the weekend. Mrs. Winters stated that school activities should have first access to school facilities, then the town, and then outside groups. Dr. Gifford said a “global” statement should be in the policy that schools take preference in regards to scheduling the school facilities.

e. Technology Committee Charge

Dr. Mercurio discussed how the Technology Committee Charge can enhance the district's technology using expertise from individuals employed in the field of technology. Mrs. Records noted that the Steering Committee is made up of in-house employees while the Technology Committee Charge uses outside expertise. Dr. Mercurio noted that the Technology Committee would consist of approximately 3-5 members.

VI. Discussion Items

a. Building Project Update

Dr. Mercurio noted that the first phase of the high school updates require a follow-up on SMART Boards, wiring, and securing laptops. The Cole project will have a follow-up session this week and next week. Mrs. Guliano questioned whether the high school roofing project was underway. Dr. Gifford said that all potential projects need to be directed to the Building Committee and they will recommend potential projects to the School Committee. Mrs. Records questioned RIDE's input and cost contribution on potential projects. Dr. Mercurio stated that RIDE's contribution differs from district to district. Dr. Gifford questioned the assessment from the audit performed by Schneider Electric. Bob Wilmarth noted that he should be receiving the audit in the next few weeks. Dr. Gifford noted that Schneider was awarded the contract for the audit and that the job needs to go out for bid.

VII. School Committee Concerns

a. Mr. Martin discussed the possibility of dedicating a portion of the high school baseball field and walkway. This item will be discussed at a later date. Mrs. Palumbo has decided to remain Vice-Chair of the School Committee. Mr. Martin would like the facility manager to have a photo record of all construction projects. Mr. Wilmarth noted that SBS has photos of the current construction projects. Mr. Martin would like to see construction photos be part of the archives.

VIII. On a motion made by Dr.Gifford and seconded by Mr. Durant , the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:10p.m.

CHRISTINE DIMEGLIO
SECRETARY